

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to FIGS. 3-7.

Attachment: 3 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the indication that claims 3-9, 11, 13-15 and 19 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 2-15 and 20-26 are currently pending, with claims 6, and 20-26 being in independent form. The Specification has been amended. The drawings have been amended. The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended. Claims 2-15 have been amended. Claims 23-26 have been added. Claims 1 and 16-19 have been canceled. The amendments to claims 2-5, 7-10 and 12-15 clarify the wording of the claims, and are cosmetic in nature. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled independent claim 1. New independent claim 20 includes the subject matter of independent claim 1 (now canceled) and dependent claims 10 and 11. New independent claim 21 includes the subject matter of canceled independent claim 1 and dependent claims 12 and 13. New independent claim 22 includes the subject matter of canceled independent claim 1 and dependent claims 12 and 14.

Since claims 6 and 11, 13 and 14 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter, as noted previously, Applicant submits that independent claims 6 and new independent claims 20-22 are all in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-15 all depend from independent claim 6 and are therefore allowable because the independent claim is allowable. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to by the Examiner. Specifically, the Examiner has stated that "reference numerals 301-746 in Figs. 3-7 should include text labels for clarity purposes". In response to this objection, Applicant has amended Figs. 3-7 in the manner required. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are therefore requested.

The Abstract of the disclosure has been objected to based on certain informalities. In response to the objections, Applicant has provided a substitute Abstract that has been written in a manner that addresses each specific objection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 9, 11, 16, 17 and 18 were objected to based on certain informalities. In response to the objections, Applicant has amended the claims in a manner that is believed to

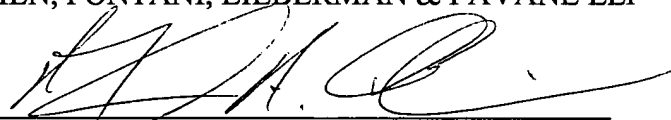
address each specific objection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the claims are respectfully requested.

New independent claim 23 is directed to a gateway that implements the method of independent claim 6. New independent claim 24 is directed to a gateway that implements the method of new independent claim 20. New independent claim 25 is directed to a gateway that implements the method of new independent claim 21. New independent claim 26 is directed to a gateway that implements the method of new independent claim 22. Since claims 6 and 20-22 are in condition for allowance, as noted previously, Applicant submits that new independent claims 23-26 are also in condition for allowance, and a notice to this is effect is requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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